(b) how much coal tar had been despatched during the last three years, ye'arwise;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is shortage of coal lar «a Kerala; if so, what are the reasons for the s'am$_e$ and what steps have been taken to ease the situation and;

(d) whether Government propose to hi'c tanker and lorries from all over the country and despatch the same to Kerala to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUT1): (a) to (rij Production and despatches of Bitumen (tar) from Cochin Refinery during the last three years is ;,s follows:

Year	Production (in tonnes)	Despatches (in tonnes)
1984-85	—	3170
1985-86	2664	120
1986-87	23689	20349

By and large there is no shortage of bitumen i$_n$ Kerala. Any shortfall in production ' by Cochin Refinery is made up by movement from other refienerics. Production of all petroleum products was affected in Cochin Refinery due to a fire, and explosion on March 8, 1984.

Delay in Clearance of Pykara Hydro-Electric Power Station

1498. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to Mate:

(a) whether Central Electricity Anthony has since cleared the proposal for the Pykara hydro electric power station which Was submitted by the Tamil Nadtt Government in August, 1982; and

ih) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons tot the delay of clearance of the pioposal when ther$_e$ is huge shortfall $_0$f electricity generation in Tamil N'adu?

THE MINISTETR OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMAII SUSH1LA ROHATGD: (a) and thj The proposed Pykara hydro-electric project (3\50 MW) was considered for clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEAj in October, 1986 but was deferred as studies were required to be carried out by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (T.N.E.B.) on technical aspects like requirements of peaking capacity, useful life •of the existing station, etc. The T.N.E.B. *have,* in April, 1987 furnished the information to the C.E.A. to enable further examination of the proposal.

Captive Power Station in Tamil Nadu

L499. SHRJ M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some schemes for the installation of captive power stations or power stations in